

REMARKS

In the last Action, restriction was required among Species I, drawn to Fig. 5; Species II, drawn to Fig. 6; Species III, drawn to Figs. 18-21; and Species IV, drawn to Figs. 22-24. The Examiner stated that the four species are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicants were required to elect one of the four species for further prosecution in this application and to list all claims readable on the elected species.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants have provisionally elected the species of invention designated as Species II, drawn to Fig. 6 and list claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 15 and 19 as being readable on the elected species. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable
action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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